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SUBJECT: WILLY BRANDT ON SOUTHERN AFRICA

1. AMB YOUNG ON MARCH 9 MET FOR NEARLY AN HOUR WITH FORMER
CHANCELLOR WILLY BRANDT AT THE INVITATION OF FRG PERM REP VON
WECHMAR. DURING THE COURSE OF THE CONVERSATION RANGING OVER A
NUMBER OF SUBJECTS, BRANDT INITIATED A DISCUSSION OF SOUTHERN
AFRICAN PROBLEMS.

2. VON WECHMAR INFORMED US THAT NIGERIAN PERM REP HARRIMAN
HAD EARLIER MARCH 9 COME TO HIM TO DISCUSS FOUR
RESOLUTIONS ON SOUTHERN AFRICAN PROBLEMS WHICH HE PLANNED TO
PRESENT LATER MARCH 9 TO THE AFRICAN GROUP FOR POSSIBLE
INTRODUCTION IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL THIS MONTH. (SUBSTANCE
OF HARRIMAN PROPOSALS REPORTED SEPTEL).

3. BRANDT SAID HE WAS WORKING ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF SOME
NEW CONTACTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AT A NON-GOVERNMENTAL LEVEL.
HE RECOUNTED THAT FORMER SWEDISH PRIME MINISTER PALME,
GERMAN PARLIMENTARIANS AND OTHERS PLAN A TRIP TO SEVERAL
CAPITALS IN AFRICA IN JUNE. LATER THIS YEAR THEY HOPED TO
DEVELOP A FURTHER MEETING WITH AFRICAN LEADERS, POSSIBLY IN
LUSAKA.

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4. AMBASSADOR YOUNG WAS ASKED WHETHER HE THOUGHT THERE WAS
A CHANCE OF RESUMPTION OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE ON RHODESIA
OR WHETHER IT WOULD BLOW UP. HE RESPONDED WITH HIS PERSONAL
ESTIMATE THAT EFFORTS AT NEGOTIATION IN RHODESIA WOULD NOT
"BLOW UP," BUT RHODESIA IS LIKELY TO BE TURBULENT FOR ANOTHER
YEAR OR SO. HE THOUGHT IT POSSIBLE THE NEGOTIATIONS MIGHT

RETURN TO GENEVA IN JUNE OR JULY OF THIS YEAR, OR PERHAPS EVEN EARLIER. HE SAID HE THOUGH THE VARIOUS PROBLEMS AMONG THE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS WOULD KEEP THE SITUATION TENSE, EVEN IF SMITH WERE TO TURN OVER POWER IMMEDIATELY. HE SAID A STRONG HAND IS NEEDED TO COPE WITH THESE TENSIONS IN RHODESIA DURING THE TRANSITION PERIOD BUT NEITHER THE BRITISH NOR THE AMERICANS ARE WILLING TO PROVIDE IT.

5. A QUESTION WAS ASKED ABOUT THE FEASIBILITY OF A PEACEKEEPING FORCE, ALLUDING TO REPORTED REMARKS OF AMBASSADOR YOUNG IN RECENT DAYS. AMBASSADOR YOUNG EXPRESSED HIS PERSONAL THOUGHT THAT A MULTIRACIAL PEACEKEEPING FORCE MAY ULTIMATELY BECOME NECESSARY. IF SO, US FORCES, WITH THEIR GREAT PROGRESS IN RACE RELATIONS TRAINING OVER THE LAST DECADE, MIGHT BE THE BEST FORCE AVAILABLE FOR THE RHODESIA PROBLEM. HE EMPHASIZED, HOWEVER, THAT HIS IS A SPECULATIVE PERSONAL VIEW AND DOES NOT REPRESENT THE PRESENT POLICY OF THE US GOVERNMENT. THE GERMANS WENT ON TO ASK FURTHER QUESTIONS ABOUT THE REPORTS OF CUBAN PRESENCE IN RHODESIA AND UGANDA AND ASKED WHETHER WITHDRAWAL OF CUBANS FROM AFRICA WAS A PRECONDITION FOR US-CUBAN TALKS.
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